

### **Abstract**

Apparatus for, and methods of, reading fingerprints using a fingerprint reader having (1) a finger-actuated sensor and/or (2) a user interface. The user interface may include one or more switches to input commands and/or preferences from a user of the reader. Alternatively, or in addition, the communication interface may include a light source configured to indicate a current status of the fingerprint reader by emitting light of a selected color.